



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BARBOSA, M.

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For: DRUM BRAKE BACKING PLATE

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Examiner: NGUYEN, Lan

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**SIR:**

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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